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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 4, 2007 in the above identified application, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. A separate three (3) month Petition for Extension of Time and Request for Continued Examination are concurrently submitted herewith.

Amendments to Claims, None, a listing of Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin of page 4 of this paper.

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